



May 20, 2002

The Fauquier County Board of Supervisors  
Fauquier County Court and Office Building  
40 Culpeper Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
Warrenton, VA 20186

Dear Supervisors:

The Bandwidth Task Force, including representatives of Fauquier County telecommunications provider, consulting, user and other interests, is pleased to present the following findings and recommendations for a public/private broadband initiative to expand the availability of affordable high bandwidth service to commercial and individual residents.

The following core findings emerge, as set forth more fully in the enclosed Executive Summary and individual task analyses.

1. A strong and effective high bandwidth initiative will not only help retain existing businesses and encourage new businesses to locate in the County, but also signal the County's commitment to help its businesses in ways that directly benefit their ability to compete effectively.
2. Such an initiative will also benefit individual users and promote the County's educational and other goals in expanding access to distance learning, facilitating telecommuting and opening new horizons for those who, through choice or necessity, are closely tied to their homes.
3. By leveraging demand through a public/private consortium the County should be able to attract a substantial broadband provider which is prepared not only to serve consortium members, but the broader business and residential communities as well.

The Bandwidth Task Force believes that the adoption of the findings and recommendations in this report could significantly enhance the availability of broadband to its corporate and individual citizens, with a high ratio of benefit to cost.

Sincerely,

Christopher H. Johnson  
Chairman, Fauquier County Bandwidth Task Force